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Firefighter facing cultivation charges

Ukiah Fire Department captain, who also serves on Fire District board, two others arrested after 648 marijuana plants found

By BEN BROWN
The Daily Journal

Three people, including a Ukiah Fire Department captain, were arrested Friday on suspicion of marijuana cultivation.

UFD Capt. Terry Israel was cited

and released on the above listed charges along with Jeffrey Weston and Victor Villalobos after the three were found in a house in the 700 block of Canyon Court that contained more than 600 marijuana plants, said Mendocino County Sheriff's Lt. Rusty

Noe.

Noe said sheriff's deputies were at the home in Canyon Court trying to serve a felony warrant on Ashley Weston.

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Storm brings snow



Noah Sanchez builds his first snowman Tuesday morning on a turnout on the Ukiah Boonville Road.

A vineyard on Highway 253 is monochromatic for several hours Tuesday morning before the morning's precipitation is melted away.



Winter fun ... but treacherous driving

By ZACK SAMPSEL
The Daily Journal

Cold, wet roads, snow-dusted trees and a few handmade snowmen surrounded Highway 253 near the Boonville area Tuesday after

about an inch of snow fell overnight in the higher elevations of Mendocino County.

For residents Jenna Walker and her nephew Noah

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School buses brave weather

By ROB BURGESS

The Daily Journal

Dedicated to the nation's postal carriers, the inscription over the front pillars of the James Farley Post Office, New York City's general post office, reads "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds."

The same could be said of Ukiah Unified School District's bus drivers.

The recent storms of the past few days have not impeded the safe pickup or delivery of UUSD students, said Carmen Saye, who works for the UUSD Transportation Department as one of the district's transportation instructors.

"We've had no problems getting through," she said. "When

we do have problems it's usually on either Road B or Tomki Road in Redwood Valley."

Bus drivers are more likely to face extreme weather in the early morning hours when beginning their routes. According to the school bus schedules chart available on the UUSD Web site, the first bus to make a stop each school day, Bus D12, arrives at Laughlin - Uva Dr. at 6:23 a.m.

Saye said neither drivers or other UUSD staff generally know ahead of time when they will face inclement weather and whether or not it will change drivers' schedules. "It's hard to tell with this weather; it's kind of unpredictable," she said.

"Generally when it snows and it sticks on the ground we get them home early."

In the event district offices

and schools were closed for a snow day, administrators may apply for a waiver from the California Department of Education for the money and time lost rather than make up the day at the end of the school year.

Saye said the decisions about changes to the dropoff schedule come from the top down and are generally infrequent.

"The superintendent makes that call," she said. "We don't generally delay for just the cold. I've been here 30 years and I've never seen that happen."

Parents who are concerned about whether or not there will be delays in their children's bus routes can call the UUSD Transportation office at 463-5233.

Rob Burgess can be reached at udjrb@pacific.net.

Snowy Weather



News Video
at ukiahdailyjournal.com

Ukiah man held on sex and drug charges

Suspected of entering a stranger's apartment and assaulting 5-year-old child

The Daily Journal

A Ukiah man who allegedly broke into a North State Street apartment, and was found lying on a couch in his underwear with a 5-year-old child, was arrested on sexual abuse and drug charges by the Ukiah Police Department at 5:30 a.m. Monday.

According to reports from the UPD, Anthony King, 33, of Ukiah, was arrested on suspicion of burglary, lewd acts with a child and vandalism at an apartment at 625 N. State St.

Police were called to the apartment by a resident who had found King asleep on the couch in his underwear along with the resident's 5-year-old child. King's hand was in the 5-year-old's underwear, according to UPD reports.

The resident pulled the child away from King, told him to leave and called 911. Officers responded and arrested King on the above listed charges.

According to UPD reports, officers believe King got into the apartment by knocking down a fence in the back yard and entering through a partially open sliding glass door. The resident did not know King and had no idea why King was in the apartment, according to UPD reports.

A follow-up investigation revealed King was allegedly cultivating marijuana at his home at 34 Creekside Court. According to police reports, UPD officers and an agent with the Mendocino Major Crimes Task Force served a search warrant on the home and found 68 marijuana plants.

The plants were seized and King was additionally charged with commercial cultivation of marijuana and possession of marijuana for sale.

King is being held at the Mendocino County Jail on a \$105,000 bond.

He does not appear as a registered sex offender on the Megan's Law Web site.

Foundation announces 2008 grants, workshops

The Daily Journal

Once again this year the Community Foundation of Mendocino County is offering two competitive grant programs designed to help improve the quality of life in the area.

The Community Foundation of Mendocino County is a nonprofit foundation created by and for the residents of this region. The foundation helps donors give back in ways that matter to them while also strengthening local communities. The foundation makes grants to influence the quality of life enjoyed by residents today, and also stewards funds

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FUNERAL NOTICES

CONSUELO S. PEREZ

Mass of the Christain Burial will be said for Consuelo S. Perez, known to family and friends as Lola or Mama, will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2008 at 11 am at Saint Mary's Catholic Church. Viewing will be Friday, Jan. 25 from 1-7pm. Recitation of the Rosary will held on Friday, January 25, 2008 at 7 PM at Eversole Mortuary. Consuelo passed away on Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at her daughter's home surrounded by her family.

Born July 6, 1913 in the Philippines, she was an elementary school teacher and has resided in the Ukiah Area for 32 years. She enjoyed home gardening, sewing and going to

the casino from 2003 to 2005. She was proud of the fact that she was a hardworking business woman who helped her husband, sent all 5 children to university to earn their degrees and she tutored her grandchildren. She will be remembered for her unconditional love and simple way of life and her dedication to her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was very religious in her own special way.

She is survived by her daughters Ofelia P. Genabe and husband Atty. Manuel Genabe of the Philippines, Paz Dalistan and husband Isagani Dalistan of Ukiah, Linda P Vitan and husband Daniel Vitan, son Jose Perez and wife Linda Perez, sister Zosima Falcon, 90

years old of the Philippines, sister-in-law Lucille T. Perez of Houston, TX, grandchildren Perla Gonzales and husband Genaro Gonzales, Cenon Perez II and wife Evangelina, Maria Vanderhorst and husband Derek, Daniel Vitan Jr., Dan Rey Vitan, Kristina Luna and husband Ged, Victor Perez, John Dalistan, Dannielle Lynn Vitan, Dan Joseph Vitan, great grandchildren Connie Lynn Perez, Exigirel Perez, Juan Carlos Gonzales, John Forsyth Gonzales, Dana Vitan, Sophina Genobe, Gavin Gene Gonzales. She was preceded in death by her husband Cenon C. Perez, an English Professor on April 9, 1971 at the age of 69, daughter Sonia P. Levy, grandchildren Dennis Genabe, Gary

Genabe and Raymond Genabe.

Memorial contributions to Phoenix Hospice or St. Mary of the Angels Church.

The Eversole Mortuary is in charge of arrangements. Reception will be held at Danny & Paz's home 1327 Laurel Ave. Ukiah. After the funeral service.

Card of Thanks

The family of Consuelo Perez wishes to extend our deepest and utmost appreciation and gratitude to those who, in their own way, thought, prayed, cared and loved her. To Dr. Guy Teran, Judy Lemke, FNP, Cheryl, Don, Barbara of Phoenix Hospice and others for their special services, Father Mike, friends and relatives in Ukiah & out of town. Thank you all.

Kidnapper of Steven Stayner, Timmy White dies in prison

By DON THOMPSON
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Kenneth Eugene Parnell, whose abduction and confinement of a California boy in the 1970s became the basis of a TV movie, died of natural causes while serving a life sentence, state prison authorities said Tuesday.

Parnell, 76, died at the

California Medical Facility in Vacaville on Monday night.

One of California's most notorious child molesters, he was convicted of kidnapping Steven Stayner as the 7-year-old walked home from school in the Central Valley town of Merced in 1972. Parnell gave the boy a different name and

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POLICE REPORTS

The following were compiled from reports prepared by the Ukiah Police Department. To anonymously report crime information, call 463-6205.

ARREST -- Peter Lund, 35, of Willits, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence, possession of an ounce of marijuana and transportation of marijuana for sale in the 200 block of East Standley Street at 1:46 a.m. Monday.

Those arrested by law enforcement officers are innocent until proven guilty. People reported as having been arrested may contact the Daily Journal once their case has been concluded so the results can be reported. Those who feel the information is in error should contact the appropriate agency.

CORRECTIONS

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The world briefly

Fed rate cut stabilizes stocks; Bush, Congress pledge urgent action to stem slide

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jolted by global recession fears, the Federal Reserve slashed interest rates Tuesday, and President Bush and leaders of Congress joined in a rare show of cooperation in promising urgent action to pump up the economy with upwards of \$150 billion in tax cuts and government spending.

Market meltdowns overnight around the globe and growing anxiety at home stirred lawmakers and the administration toward swift action, possibly within a few weeks. Wall Street plummeted as the day began, following Asian stocks, then warily eased its sell-off after the Fed ordered the biggest cut on record in a key interest rate. The Dow Jones industrials, down 465 points at one point, closed the day off 128.

The Fed, announcing its action after an emergency video conference Monday night, indicated further rate reductions were likely, aimed at encouraging people and companies to start spending again. "The urgency that we feel at home is now even more urgent as we see the impact of our markets on others," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said after both Democratic and Republican lawmakers met with Bush at the White House.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said the goal was to get a deal through Congress and on Bush's desk within roughly three weeks —

lightning speed compared with the usual snail's pace on Capitol Hill. Bush expressed confidence that he and the Democratic-led Congress could put aside bitter differences that have marked his presidency.

"I believe we can find common ground to get something done that's big enough, effective enough so that an economy that is inherently strong gets a boost — to make sure that this uncertainty doesn't translate into more economic woes for our workers and small business people," Bush said in the Cabinet Room.

Heath Ledger found dead in NYC building in possible drug-related death, police say

NEW YORK (AP) — Heath Ledger was found dead Tuesday at a downtown Manhattan apartment, and police said drugs may have been a factor. The Australian-born actor was 28. Ledger had an appointment for a massage at the residence in the tony SoHo neighborhood, NYPD spokesman Paul Browne said. A housekeeper who went to let him know the massage therapist had arrived found him dead at 3:26 p.m.

A large crowd of paparazzi and gawkers began gathering Tuesday evening outside the building on an upscale block, where several police officers guarded the door.

Ledger was nominated for an Oscar for "Brokeback Mountain." He most recently appeared in "I'm Not There," in which he

played one of the many incarnations of Bob Dylan — as did Cate Blanchett, whose performance in that film earned an Oscar nomination Tuesday for best supporting actress. Ledger was to appear as the Joker this year in "The Dark Knight," a sequel to 2005's "Batman Begins." He's had starring roles in "A Knight's Tale" and "The Patriot," and played the suicidal son of Billy Bob Thornton in "Monster's Ball."

Republican Fred Thompson quits presidential race after string of poor finishes

NAPLES, Fla. (AP) — Republican Fred Thompson, the actor-politician who attracted more attention as a potential presidential candidate than as a real one, quit the race for the White House on Tuesday after a string of poor finishes in early primary and caucus states.

"Today, I have withdrawn my candidacy for president of the United States. I hope that my country and my party have benefited from our having made this effort," the former Tennessee senator said in a brief statement. Thompson's fate was sealed last Saturday in the South Carolina primary, when he finished third in a state that he had said he needed to win.

In the statement, Thompson did not say whether he would endorse any of his former rivals. He was one of a handful of members of Congress who supported Arizona Sen. John McCain in 2000 in his unsuccessful race against George W. Bush for the party nomination. Thompson, best known as the gruff district attorney on NBC's "Law & Order," placed third in Iowa and South Carolina, two states seemingly in line with his right-leaning pitch and laid-back style, and fared even worse in the four other states that have held contests thus far. Money already tight, he ran out of it altogether as the losses piled up.

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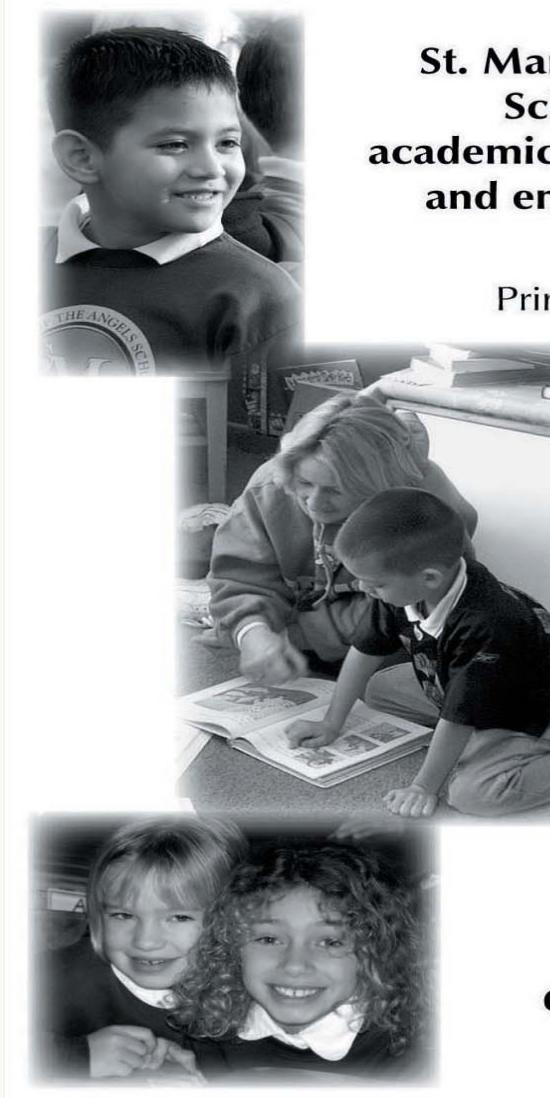
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GROWING A GREEN BUSINESS



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Yvon Chouinard, owner of Patagonia, takes part in a special event held at his store in Palo Alto January 15.

Patagonia: It's easy being green

By JANIS MARA

Contra Costa Times

PALO ALTO - Can a business go green and stay in the black? Yvon Chouinard has built the model.

"Business has been accused of despoiling the environment, but it can enrich our lives and make a profit without losing its soul," Chouinard, owner of Ventura-based Patagonia outdoor gear and clothing company, told a standing-room-only crowd at his store on a recent weeknight.

Businesses near and far are jumping on the sustainability bandwagon, vying to see which can seem the most green. But privately held Patagonia, which had \$270 million in sales in 2007, has been environmentally responsible since 1972, when it grew out of Chouinard Equipment.

A crowd of about 300 hikers, bikers, climbers and other outdoor enthusiasts jammed the 2,500-square-foot store to hear Chouinard speak and get signed copies of his 2005 book "Let My People Go Surfing," spilling out the front door onto the sidewalk.

The 67-year-old businessman is also an avid outdoorsman who founded his business based on the pursuits he loved. Chouinard has a dedicated following that would turn entrepreneurs like Bill Gates green, not in an environmental sense, but with envy.

"Yvon is a lifelong hero of mine as a climber. He has made many first ascents," said John Bell of El Cerrito at the event. "As a business owner, he has made profound decisions that affect the whole world."

In 1970, Chouinard Equipment was a major U.S. climbing hardware supplier, and, to quote the Patagonia Web site, "an environmental villain because its gear was damaging the rock." Even though pitons were Chouinard's biggest sellers, it switched to aluminum chocks, introducing them with an editorial in its catalog on the environmental hazards of pitons.



Chouinard spoke to a crowd of over 100 people about his business and personal philosophies dealing with the environment and how his business can do its part to protect it. He also answered questions and signed books.

The result? "Within a few months of the catalog's mailing, the piton business had atrophied; chocks sold faster than they could be made," according to the Web site.

"As a company, we're doing as much as we can to create a company other companies want to emulate," Chouinard told the crowd. He said other companies have approached him for advice.

"I said to Wal-Mart, 'You are the seventh largest economy in the world. If you told your suppliers to clean up their act, you could change the world.' I told Coke to stop using high-fructose corn syrup because it causes diabetes," Chouinard said.

Patagonia is part of the \$46 billion active recreation gear segment of the outdoor goods industry. Sales

in that industry grew more than 5 percent in 2006, and 2007 growth looks to be in the 7 to 8 percent range, according to Clint Wall, research director of the Outdoor Industry Association.

Patagonia, which employs about 2,000 people worldwide, has 21 retail stores nationwide. It is a manufacturer whose goods are mostly sold in small retail outlets or stores like REI. It does have three Bay Area stores, in Palo Alto, San Francisco and Santa Cruz, employing about 40 people, Chouinard told MediaNews.

"This (Palo Alto) store has been a big success," he said. "We're here to thank the neighborhood." Asked how he feels about "greenwashing," when businesses trumpet their efforts to reduce carbon emissions

for public relations purposes, he said, "It's OK as long as it's a first step."

"If you have a worn-out Polartec jacket, drop it off at one of our stores and we'll use it to make new clothing," said Don Eichelberger, a sales associate at the San Francisco store on hand for Chouinard's visit. Also, the company is working with other businesses to create a national park in Chile that will be two-thirds the size of Yellowstone when completed, Chouinard said.

"I'm a longtime user (of Patagonia goods)," said Scott Spencer of Menlo Park. "I knew he was a famous climber, and I identify with what he said tonight. We (his family) are switching to compact fluorescent bulbs. I'll go back and try harder."

Officials tout green jobs for poor communities

By Matt Nauman
San Jose Mercury News

SAN FRANCISCO - In addition to its other benefits - fighting global warming, reducing the United States' dependence on foreign oil - green tech could mean lots of jobs for Californians, including those in the state's poorest communities, a parade of California political leaders said last week at a Bay Area green jobs event.

Starting with former San Francisco Mayor and

Assembly Speaker Willie Brown and including current Mayor Gavin Newsom, state treasurer Bill Lockyer, state attorney general Jerry Brown as well as videos from Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and House Speaker Fabian Nunez, the message was clear.

Green is good for the environment, and good for the state's economy.

"These are green pathways out of poverty," said Van Jones, a leader of both the Ella Baker Center for

Human Rights and Green For All in Oakland. Both community groups are pushing for green-collar jobs to improve the options in neighborhoods with few of them.

Jones recalled a discussion he had with Newsom. With all the talk about sustainability, and the advantages of not throwing things away, he expressed concerns about "throw-away neighborhoods, throw-away children."

Jones said that conversa-

tion with Newsom helped crystallize the mayor's innovative green agenda, which includes incentives for solar panels on roofs and a carbon offset program where the money goes to local organizations.

Jones' groups helped create the Green Jobs Corps in Oakland, which is working with community colleges to prepare workers for green-collar jobs - installing solar panels, constructing green buildings, servicing alternative-fuel

vehicles.

Jones was a panelist during an event dubbed "Advancing the New Energy Economy in California" held at San Francisco's Yerba Buena Gardens. It was sponsored by the state's Public Utilities Commission, the California Clean Energy Fund, the Willie Brown Jr. Institute on Politics and Public Policy and other groups.

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the commerce file

By K.C. Meadows

The American Institute of Architects sent out its semi-annual Consensus Construction Forecast, a survey of the nation's leading construction forecasters. The survey says that weakness in the overall U.S. economy is translating to a tempered forecast for the nonresidential construction market, and spending is expected to increase by a modest 0.7 percent in 2008 in inflation adjusted terms. Led by demand for institutional projects, the growth in 2008 is expected to be at a slower pace than recent years, with commercial projects likely to see the most decrease. Also there is expected to be continued volatility in the costs of building materials.

Maybe this is part of the reason I hear the new retail construction project in the Redwood Business Park has been called off.

"After ending 2007 on a high note, we are anticipating a significant slowing of non-residential construction growth in 2008," said AIA Chief Economist, Kermit Baker. "A slight decrease in activity is actually expected in 2009 with 2008 and 2009 projected to be the trough of the current construction cycle."

"Oil prices in the \$100 per barrel range are not the only construction material input that is experiencing unusual price fluctuations. Iron and steel scrap have increased more than 28 percent between 2006 and 2007, with construction sand/gravel/crushed stone up over 8 percent, selected steel products up almost 6 percent and fabricated structural metal increased more than 5 percent during the same period," Baker added. "Conversely, gypsum products are down more than 23 percent over the past year, with prices for insulation, plywood, aluminum and natural gas lowering a bit as well."

Local drive through coffee shop, Cuppa Joe to Go, is now serving organic espresso at their Perkins Street location in Ukiah.

"We've had an increase in customer requests at this location and there is large support for organics in our community. We felt it was time to add it to our menu," said owner Carol Larson.

Cuppa Joe to Go will continue to serve the same non-organic espresso at both its Perkins and Mendo Mill locations. They purchase all their beans freshly roasted from local roaster, The Coffee Critic.

Cuppa Joe to Go opened its first location in the Mendo Mill parking lot in Ukiah in late 2003. They purchased and opened the Perkins Street location in the summer of 2007.

Ukiah Valley Medical Center has named Rodney Grainger the new chief financial officer. He comes from Sutter Health in Sacramento where he was regional director of Decision Support Services. His duties included developing and standardizing annual budgets for seven acute care facilities and other operations, giving financial analysis to more than 200 directors and executives and compiling data for benchmarking and regulatory purposes. Before Sutter, he worked for Catholic Health Care West, Ernst & Young LLP and several other hospitals.

Grainger and his wife, Lori, have two sons in college.

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Letters from our readers

Stop the Talmage cell tower

To the Editor:

It seems that Mendocino Vineyard Company, is getting into the cell phone tower business. Their vineyards occupy over one thousand acres around Ukiah. Recently, the Mendocino County Planning Commission approved a request by the company to erect an 80-foot tower on his land located at 550 Redemeyer Road, 1/2 mile north of Vichy Springs Road. Now they want to erect another tower, 104 feet tall, on his property in Talmage, located directly adjacent to a kindergarten through 12th grade school with 132 children, a preschool with 24 children, a high school with 60 students, adult education classes dormitories for approximately 100 people, 19 three room cabins where 60 people live, and at least 10 residences located directly next to this proposed radiation tower. Directly under the tower is a large building that is occupied by the migrant agricultural workers for at least two months per year. I have yet to find out if there are other sites that are being considered for his expansion.

There have not been any conclusive long-term studies regarding the safety or danger of the very high frequency signals radiating from cell phone towers. In contrast to individual cell phones, these towers are constantly emitting radiation and are more powerful at close range. How does this radiation affect the public's health over decades of constant exposure? We don't know. Does it affect the brain, the nervous system? Does it cause cancer, especially for people living in close proximity to these facilities? The fact is we just don't know. For nearly three decades, starting in the early 1940's, the DDT pesticide was widely used for agricultural applications in our country. In 1948 Swiss chemist Paul Hermann Muller was even awarded the Nobel Prize for his discovery of the benefits of using DDT as a pesticide. People did not get sick from eating the food, so evidently DDT was safe for human exposure. "Oops, sorry guys, I guess we were wrong." In 1972, after three years of intensive governmental studies were conducted, DDT was banned. Humans got cancer. I believe we should learn from our past mistakes, especially when our children are involved.

The Mendocino County Planning Commission says they cannot consider the possible health effects of the towers because of section 704 in the FCC Telecommunications Act of 1996. It prohibits local governments from rejecting wireless facilities based on health concerns. Telecommunications companies have a stranglehold over our planning commission and ultimately us by preventing us from making common sense decisions based on rational evidence. Does this mean that our county should be oblivious to the possible health concerns of our citizens? Of course not. The Wireless Guidelines for Mendocino County, adopted by the Planning Commission Nov. 1, 2001 clearly states: the guidelines are designed to protect and promote public health... Until we elect or appoint some truly courageous people to our county government willing to stand up for what is right, and not just what is profitable for the telecommunications conglomerates and landowners, we will continue to make important decisions about our health based on ignorance.

The 1996 Act does at least allow local governments to have control over placement of these towers. Why not revise the Mendocino County General Plan to only allow these towers in the hills far from populated areas and most certainly away from our children's schools? The construction and maintenance costs will be greater for the telecommunications companies, but most importantly we will be responsible for protecting the public health of our citizens and preserving the aesthetic quality of our county. We should also demand that the federal and state governments initiate long-term radiation studies. We are the ones that will have to carry the brunt of this radiation for decades to come.

The only responsible path forward is for the planning commission to immediately instigate a moratorium on any new wireless facilities and schedule meetings that extensively include the citizens of our community regarding this critical issue.

George Wahlstrom
Ukiah

LETTER POLICY

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Start with local voices

Another voice BY RACHEL OLIVIERI

Nearly \$2 billion was invested in the 2004 presidential election. Enough money to stimulate tens of thousands of new jobs, construct 25 new high schools, educate 70,000 children, or provide health care for 350,000 children for one year. The 2008 presidential election will soar to heights unintended by either common sense or democracy.

Long before speeches resonating the winds of change fade from collective memory. Long before millions of posters and pamphlets littering the American landscape with emotional slogans find national landfills. Long before the last million is invested in hollow promises. Long before the final vote tally, the one will have already been chosen. There are many ones among the one. They're all interchangeable. They play by the rules. One doesn't become a national candidate or a New York Times writer without first demonstrating that you know how to play by the rules.

That system supports illusions of democracy and choice. Yet, the biggest illusion is that the powerless, the few, are the powerful and the powerful, the many, are powerless. But don't tell anyone - the truth may frighten people. We've grown accustomed to the arrangement. We accept the illusion for fear that rejecting it might lead to real change and responsibility. And change is acceptable only to talk about in primaries and dangerous to actually bring about. Those are the rules.

The U.S. presidency is the epitome of power and wealth. Entities invest thousands or millions in candidates and anticipate many more millions or billions in return. A candidate doesn't have to win, to win. A candidate's interchangeability assures that the powerful remain so. A candidate is a mere player in a corporate poker game. There's only one deck one dealer. The subtleties of nuance between the candidates are nearly

indistinguishable. There's no wild card and the house never loses. When a candidate runs the deck, they win the big chips. But in this game, every candidate wins something big. Everyone wants to be in the game or invest in the players.

The drama is intoxicating. Who will be the one? Hillary? Obama? Or perhaps the sobering Mike Huckabee? The one among the ones has a wide range of tactics to employ and remain within corporate rules. Character assassinations triggering media feeding frenzies often highlight the big show.

We know who won't be the one. It won't be Dennis Kucinich or Ron Paul. They don't play by the rules. One doesn't become a national candidate or a New York Times writer without first demonstrating that you know how to play by the rules.

That system supports illusions of democracy and choice. Yet, the biggest illusion is that the powerless, the few, are the powerful and the powerful, the many, are powerless. But don't tell anyone - the truth may frighten people. We've grown accustomed to the arrangement. We accept the illusion for fear that rejecting it might lead to real change and responsibility. And change is acceptable only to talk about in primaries and dangerous to actually bring about. Those are the rules.

Wall Street, drug companies, war budgets, insurance companies and congressional committee's whose kitty is kept full by corporate fodder won't sanction that. Wild cards that get too close and threaten power circles share similar fates. Lone, deranged gunmen are attracted to wild cards that break the rules.

They want us to feel good about the illusion of choice.

TV's provide a front row seat in the political drama. Pick a station, pick a winner and urge them on to victory. Ratify your choice for one of the ones. You can almost imagine that all the chaos around us is under control. Who really pays for all of this?

America, a nation faced with deep social division, endless war, economic inequality, financial overextension, threats to constitutional rights, media dominated fear campaigns, racial and gender discrimination, and pending environmental disaster, is promised change. Really? Many desperately want to believe change is possible. Yet, under the corporate regime, can change come from the top down?

After awhile, the whys and the reasons fade. Supporting our poised appearance is a world completely out-of-control. What do you do? Pretend it doesn't exist? Whoever the one is, they are not meant to change anything meaningful. They are part of the system of control and they are limited.

This brings us back to the greatest of all illusions - The illusion that corporations are powerful. When actually, we, the illusionary powerless, are powerful. If we can get caught up with this truth and are willing to sacrifice for it, there is no greater power.

Where to begin?

That truth is best expressed and manifested in localism. Local city councils and county supervisors belong to the local people. Claim it for the commons. Claim it for sustainability. Claim it for generations to come. Local elections are emerging. Become involved and keep it local, keep it safe.

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From the desk of ...



ROBERT SAMUELSON

Wall Street
vs. capitalism

Amid the mayhem on world financial markets, it is becoming clear that capitalism's most dangerous enemies are capitalists. No one can have watched the "subprime mortgage" debacle without noticing the absurd contrast between the magnitude of the failure and the lavish rewards heaped on those who presided over it. At Merrill Lynch and Citigroup, large losses on subprime securities cost CEOs their jobs -- and they left with multimillion-dollar pay packages. Stanley O'Neal, the ex-head of Merrill, received an estimated \$161 million.

Everyday Americans will conclude (rightly) that this brand of capitalism is rigged in favor of the privileged few. It will be said in their defense that these packages reflected years of service, often highly successful. So? It's not as if these CEOs weren't compensated in all those years. Wall Street's pay practices perversely encourage extreme risk-taking that can destabilize the economy. Subprime mortgage losses may simply be chapter one. Now there are signs of problems involving securities known as "credit default swaps." Never mind the details. Concentrate on the possible fallout. If banks and investment houses sustain more losses, the nation's credit system will be further wounded and so will the economy. The Federal Reserve Tuesday cut its key overnight interest rate from 4.25 percent to 3.5 percent -- a huge move -- in part to shore up this wobbly credit system.

By "Wall Street," I mean all the commercial banks, investment banks, mutual funds, hedge funds and the like that comprise the financial sector -- but particularly investment banks. Pay is eye-popping. In 2007, Lloyd Blankfein, chief executive of Goldman Sachs, received compensation estimated at \$68 million. But pay is also heavily skewed toward annual "bonuses" based on the profits that traders and bankers generate. I asked Johnson Associates, a compensation consulting firm, for typical Wall Street pay packages. The results describe "managing directors" based in New York with 10 or 15 years experience. Most would be in their 40s.

Here are estimates for 2007:

- Investment banker: \$2.1 million, consisting of \$275,000 in base pay plus \$1.2 million in cash bonus and \$625,000 in long-term bonus. (An investment banker helps firms raise capital by selling new stocks and bonds and also advises on mergers and acquisitions.)

- Bond trader: \$1.525 million, with \$240,000 in base pay, \$975,000 in cash bonus and \$310,000 in long-term bonus.

- Hedge-fund manager: \$1.85 million, split between a salary of \$265,000 and \$1.585 million bonus.

Just why investment bankers and traders out-earn, say, doctors or computer engineers is a question I've never heard convincingly answered. Are they smarter? Unlikely. Do they contribute more to the economy? Questionable. True, Wall Street often performs a vital function. It channels savings into productive investments. It helps provide access to capital and credit. In 2006, U.S. companies raised nearly \$4 trillion through new stocks and bonds. Many financial innovations, including mortgage-backed securities, have benefited individuals and companies.

But Wall Street also frequently misallocates capital and credit. The "tech bubble" of the late 1990s was one episode. Now we have subprime mortgages. Why?

"People self-select for careers. On Wall Street, they self-select for the money," says pay consultant Alan Johnson. "Wall Street is a sales business -- they sell bonds, securities, transactions, ideas. ... They're not paid to be long-term, philosophical, reflective." The pressure is to do the next merger, sell more stocks and bonds, do more trading -- whatever boosts current profits and bonuses, the long-term consequences be damned.

"These are my MBA students, not just mine but MBAs (masters of business administration) from Harvard, Stanford, Pennsylvania," says economist Allan Meltzer of Carnegie-Mellon University. "They were buying and selling this garbage (subprime mortgages securities). Are they so stupid? They got compensated for doing it. If they didn't do it, they'd lose their jobs."

To be fair, the real estate bubble had many causes, including low interest rates, the political popularity of homeownership and the (mistaken) belief that housing prices could never fall. This may explain why, so far, the backlash against Wall Street has been muted.

But if the subprime failure turns out to be a preamble to a larger financial breakdown, flowing from the creation of new securities that offered short-term trading possibilities but whose long-run risks were underestimated, then the mood could turn uglier. Indeed, many Americans may conclude that capitalism has run amok.

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CALIFORNIA BUSINESS

California foreclosures hit 20-year high in 4Q

By ALEX VEIGA
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Foreclosures reached a 20-year high in California during the fourth quarter of 2007 as a growing number of homeowners fell behind on their mortgage payments, a real estate research firm said Tuesday.

A total of 31,676 homes ended up in foreclosure during the quarter ended Dec. 31, marking the highest figure since DataQuick Information Systems began keeping such numbers in 1988.

The total represents a 30.8 percent increase from the previous quarter and a 421.2 percent jump from 6,078 foreclosures in the same quarter of 2006, DataQuick said.

In addition, 81,550 default notices were sent to homeowners statewide between October and December, up 12.4 percent from the previous

quarter and more than 114 percent in the year-ago quarter, according to DataQuick.

The default tally in the most recent quarter was the highest number recorded by DataQuick since it began keeping those figures in 1992.

The notices serve as an early indicator of possible foreclosures.

Mortgage defaults have been on the rise statewide since fall 2005, coinciding with the start of a slowdown in sales and lagging home appreciation.

When home appreciation slows, it makes it harder for homeowners who fall behind on payments to sell their homes and clear the debt.

Most of the home loans that slipped into default during the fourth quarter of 2007 were made between August 2005 and October 2006, the final months of the housing boom.

The median age of home loans in default increased to 22 months from 15 months in the fourth quarter of 2006.

The change suggests sagging home values are eating away at equity, placing more home loans at risk of foreclosure, the firm said.

"We think depreciation is the main culprit," said Andrew LePage, a DataQuick analyst.

The median home price in California peaked at \$484,000 last March but had slipped to \$402,000 by the end of the year as the housing boom went bust.

The median amount of the primary home loans in default was \$340,000; the median amount homeowners fell behind was \$11,121, the firm said.

Borrowers who took out home equity loans owed a median of \$3,379.

Report: Top eBay exec Meg Whitman preparing to retire

SAN JOSE (AP) — Meg Whitman, the Web-pioneering chief executive of eBay Inc., is preparing to retire after a decade at the helm of the online auctioneer, according to a published report.

The Wall Street Journal, citing unidentified people familiar with the matter, reported Tuesday that Whitman has been delegating more daily responsibilities and is working on a plan of succession. The paper says a decision about her departure could be made within weeks.

A call to eBay seeking comment Tuesday morning was not immediately returned.

eBay shares fell 96 cents to \$27.37 in morning trading after sinking to a 52-week low of \$26.02 earlier in the day.

The Journal reported that John Donahoe, 47, whom Ms. Whitman recruited in 2005 to head eBay's auction business unit, has emerged as her most likely successor.

Few executives who helped pioneer the commercialization of the Internet have remained on top for as long as the 51-year-old Whitman. When she joined eBay in 1998, the company employed 30 people and had revenues of \$86 million that year.

The company now employs 15,000 people and had \$5.97 billion in revenues last year.

Whitman's retirement would come at a critical point for eBay. Although its divisions include PayPal electronic payment and ticket broker StubHub.com, the company's auction business — which accounts for more than two-thirds of eBay's annual revenue — has experienced slowing growth rates for the past few years.

Despite eBay's success, there have been missteps along the way. In October, eBay

announced it would take a \$900 million write-down in the value of telecommunications division Skype. That charge, for what accountants call impairment, essentially acknowledged that eBay executives drastically overvalued the \$2.6 billion Skype acquisition, completed in October 2005.

Writers meeting with studios

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Officials with the striking writers guild held informal talks Tuesday with Hollywood studios that could lead to the resumption of negotiations, a person familiar with the bargaining strategy said.

The talks preceded an expected guild meeting later in the day that was to address the union's next step as it seeks a new contract, said the person who was not authorized to publicly comment and asked for anonymity.

Bargaining between the writers guild and the studios' trade group, the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, broke down Dec. 7 after the alliance demanded the guild take a half-dozen issues off the table, including unionization of reality TV shows. The guild refused.

Green

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Timothy Alan Simon, the PUC commissioner who kicked off the conference, said it's important for green jobs to stay local, not go overseas as they have with some other boom segments, such as information technology.

That's certainly true for PG&E. It needs to hire 1,000 lower-skilled workers in the next few years and 42 percent of its 20,000-person workforce will be eligible for retirement in the next five years, said CEO Peter Darbee.

Meanwhile, the Home Builders Association of Northern California used the event to announce that it intends to push for mandatory green-building standards in the Bay Area. Its president, Joseph Perkins, said his group, which builds about three-quarters of the new homes in Northern California, wants all homes to use 50 percent less energy by 2020 than they did in 1990. Also, it wants to reduce carbon emissions by 30 percent by 2020 from 1990 levels.

Commerce

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and plan to relocate to Ukiah.

Horizon Air, with service from at the Sonoma County Airport, says the airline will add a second flight between Santa Rosa and Seattle from April 6 through Oct. 26. The new seasonal flight will depart from Santa Rosa at 8:35 p.m. and from Seattle at 5:55 p.m. It will be in addition to year-round service to Seattle that is currently offered from Santa Rosa at 10:30 a.m. and from Seattle at 12:45 p.m. The flights take two hours and 10 minutes.

"Adding a second flight for the spring and summer will enable more business and leisure travelers to enjoy the convenience of flying into and out of Charles M.

Schulz/Sonoma County Airport," said Dan Russo, Horizon's director of market-

ing and communications. "The service we initiated in March 2007 has been warmly welcomed, and we're glad to be in a position to build upon that."

In addition to Seattle flights, Horizon also has daily nonstop flights to Los Angeles and Portland. All flights are operated with the airline's 76-seat Q400 turboprop aircraft.

Tickets for the new schedule are available for sale now through horizonair.com or by calling Horizon Air Reservations at 800-547-9308.

Horizon Air serves 48 cities throughout California, Colorado, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and British Columbia and Alberta. Together,

Horizon Air and Alaska Airlines serve 92 cities and are subsidiaries of Alaska Air Group, Inc.

Here are the latest prod-

uct recalls from Recalls.org from various federal and state agencies. For more information about any of them, go to www.recalls.org.

TOY WRESTLER FIGURES

A.A. of America Inc. is recalling Toy Wrestler Figures sold nationwide from January 2007 to December 2007. The surface paint contains high levels of lead.

JOHN DEERE TRACTORS

Deere & Company is recalling Deere Compact Utility Tractors sold nationwide from September 2005 to December 2007. The forward drive pedal can get stuck, posing a risk of loss of control and injury to the operator and bystanders.

PLAY MATS

Discount School Supply is recalling Tic Tac Turtle Toss

Mats sold nationwide from June 2007 to September 2007. The paint on the Tic Tac Turtle Toss mats contains excess levels of lead.

PHOTO FRAMES SOLD AT BABIES R US

The Gift Wrap Co. is recalling Hanging Photo Frames sold at Babies R Us stores nationwide from August 2007 to November 2007. Surface paint on the photo frames contains excessive levels of lead.

INVERSION THERAPY TABLES

Stamina Products Inc. is recalling Inversion Therapy Tables sold nationwide from October 2005 to October 2007. A weld in the center of the inversion table can fail when the table is in an inverted position, posing a fall hazard to consumers.

POTTERY BARN CANDLES

Stamina Products Inc. is recalling Inversion Therapy Tables sold nationwide from October 2005 to October 2007. A weld in the center of the inversion table can fail when the table is in an inverted position, posing a fall hazard to consumers.

Pottery Barn is recalling Round and Egg-Shaped Decorative Candles sold nationwide from September 2007 to December 2007. The candle's exterior coating can ignite, posing a fire hazard.

PLAY STOVES SOLD AT SEARS AND K-MART STORES

Sears, Roebuck and Co. and Kmart Corp. are recalling "My First Kenmore" Play Stoves sold nationwide from

September 2007 to November 2007. A metal bracket connecting the door to the stove can cause a tip-over when the door is opened.

CRANIUM CADOO GAMES

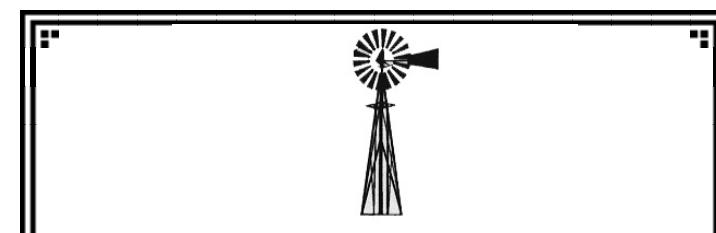
Cranium Inc. is recalling Cranium Cadoo Board Games sold nationwide from October 2007 to January 2008. The surface paint on the die contains excessive levels of lead.



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The Foundation will consider all requests from 501(c)(3) organizations that provide direct services to individuals in inland Mendocino County. However, priority will be given to programs designed to help the environment, the elderly, the young and the less fortunate.

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LOCAL CALENDAR

This week:

- TODAY, UHS girls basketball vs. Montgomery, 4:30, 6 & 7:30 p.m.
- TODAY, UHS boys jv basketball vs. Maria Carrillo and Piner, 5 p.m.
- TODAY, Mendocino women's basketball @ Solano College @ 5:30 p.m.
- Thurs., UHS boys basketball @ Montgomery, 4:30, 6 & 7:30 p.m.
- Fri., Mendocino women's basketball vs. Contra Costa College @ 7:30 p.m.
- Fri., Mendocino mens' basketball vs. Contra Costa @ 5:30 p.m.
- Fri., UHS girls basketball vs. Maria Carrillo, 4:30, 6 & 7:30 p.m.
- Sat., UHS boys varsity wrestling in Wendy's Invitational @ 9 a.m.
- Sat., UHS boys basketball vs. Maria Carrillo @ Mendo, 4:30, 6 & 7:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY DIGEST

Mendo-Lake Spikers Serve-A-Thon

The Mendo-Lake Spikers Volleyball Club invites members of the community to support areas girls, ages 10-18, in our annual Serve-A-Thon on Jan. 28th. Players are seeking pledges to raise money for the upcoming AAU club volleyball season. Pledges may be given per successful serve (out of 20 attempts) or simply for a flat donation. Any person or business interested in sponsoring a player or making a donation to our program may contact Ori Polkinghorne at opolky@hotmail.com or 463-0451. Mendo-Lake Spikers VBC is in its 4th year of existence, providing area girls with the opportunity to learn, train, and compete in the great game of volleyball.

Attention BAM Wrestlers:

BAM Wrestling Club has begun practice. Practice is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. in the wrestling room at Ukiah High School. Sign-ups continues through the month of January each night at practice. The cost is \$50.00 per wrestler or \$40.00 each for sibling.

UHS Boosters Meeting

The UHS Boosters Meeting will be held Monday, January, 28th at 5:30 p.m. in the Career Center, building A.

If you would like to help with the Fall 2008 Fundraiser then please attend the meeting. There will be organizing and strategizing done at the meeting. All parents and community members welcome. Contact Deni Lee at 468-3736 for further information.

2008 Girls Youth Softball League

Registration for the 2008 girls youth softball league is now open at the City of Ukiah. Participants may register individually and will be placed on teams according to their grade level.

The following divisions will be utilized: K-2 in tee-ball, grades 3-4 in pitching machine, grades 5-6 together and grades 7-12.

League play begins in early April and will run through early June. Cost is \$50 per player and the deadline is March 7, 2008. Forms are available at the City of Ukiah office (411 West Clay) and online at www.cityofukiah.com. For more info call 463-6714.

UHS | BOYS' BASKETBALL

With Williams gone, Sharapova takes a toll on Henin

By JOHN PYE

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Serena Williams stumbled one round short of a rematch, so Maria Sharapova had to unload a year's worth of retribution on somebody else.

Justine Henin caught the brunt of it. Sharapova advanced to the Australian Open semifinals for the fourth straight year with a convincing 6-4, 6-0 win over top-ranked Henin, snapping the Belgian star's 32-match winning streak.

"Even though I beat Justine, it's definitely not over," the 20-year-old Russian star said. "I still have a lot of business to take care of."

Defending champion Williams had slumped 6-3, 6-4 earlier in the afternoon to third-ranked Jelena Jankovic, who reached the semifinals at Melbourne Park for the first time and only the third time in a major.

Williams was unseeded and ranked No. 81 when she made her stunning run to an eighth Grand Slam title 12 months ago, punctuating that with an emphatic 6-1, 6-2 win over Sharapova in one of the most lopsided Grand

Slam finals.

It was a big setback for Sharapova, who struggled with a shoulder problem for most of the season and her ranking slipped outside the top 5.

But the winner of two Grand Slam events started returning to her best at the WTA championships in November before losing in three sets to Henin in three hours, 24 minutes — among the dozen longest women's tour matches in the Open era.

She turned the tables in only 1:38 on Tuesday, inflicting the first 6-0 set on Henin since 2002.

"I really felt like I was in a bubble," Sharapova said. "I think it was one of the most consistent matches where I did all the things I wanted to do, and I did them correctly from the beginning to the end ... and just played the way I can play."

Henin, who struggled with her serve and was broken five times by Sharapova, said she had a minor concern over a lingering knee injury but put the loss down as an inevitability.

"It's very hard to be at your best level all the time," she said. "I'll have to think about that and build again for the future."

Sharapova will be looking back for lessons to take into the semis against Jankovic, her old tennis academy pal.

"Ever since the juniors we've always played really tough and we've always battled it out, and it's great to see her in the semis," Sharapova said. "It's great we're playing together."

Jankovic has two Serbian compatriots in the quarterfinals Wednesday.

No. 4-ranked Ana Ivanovic is aiming to end the run of another Williams when she plays Serena's sister, Venus, for the right to meet the winner of the other quarterfinal between No. 9 Daniela Hantuchova and No. 29 Agnieszka Radwanska.

On the men's side, Serbia's Novak Djokovic plays David Ferrer of Spain and defending champion Roger Federer goes against No. 12 James Blake.

Blake is 0-7 against Federer, who beat him in the 2006 U.S. Open quarterfinals.

But he's taking heart from Federer's last two matches, when he was taken to 10-8 in the fifth set against Serbia's Janko Tipsarevic and had to save set points against Tomas Berdych.

No. 2 Rafael Nadal, the only player

to beat Federer at the last 10 Grand Slams, advanced to his first Australian Open semifinal with a 7-5, 6-3, 6-1 win over No. 24 Jarkko Nieminen of Finland.

"Maybe I wasn't playing my best match, my best tennis today, but it was enough," the three-time French Open champion said. "It's a good moment for me, first semifinals on hardcourt, Grand Slam."

He will play 22-year-old Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, who beat No. 14 Mikhail Youzhny 7-5, 6-0, 7-6 (6) late Tuesday.

The 38th-ranked Tsonga has only played four previous majors due to a combination of back, shoulder and abdominal injuries and never won a title at the elite level, but has already upset No. 9 Andy Murray and No. 8 Richard Gasquet so far at Melbourne Park.

"It's just amazing. I played just unbelievable," Tsonga said. "It's a very big event. It's very difficult to stay on this world."

Serena Williams was that ecstatic last year after her amazing run.

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MLB | A'S

Red Sox, Athletics will open regular season with 2-game series in Japan

By JIM ARMSTRONG

Associated Press

TOKYO — The Boston Red Sox are happy to start the season with a road trip worthy of the title World Champions. The Oakland Athletics are just glad to finally get the chance to play in Japan.

The Red Sox and the A's will open the 2008 regular season with a two-game series on March 25-26 at Tokyo Dome, thousands of miles from home.

The Red Sox and the A's will tuneup for the series with exhibition games against the two most popular teams in Japan — the Hanshin Tigers and the Yomiuri Giants — on March 22-23, also at Tokyo Dome.

Boston will take March 27 off and then play a three-game exhibition series

in Los Angeles against the Dodgers from March 28-30.

The Red Sox and A's will resume their regular-season schedule with a two-game series at Oakland on April 1-2.

Red Sox fans back home will have to get up early to watch their team start its title defense. The major league season opener will start at 6:07 a.m. EDT.

Boston's home opener will be on April 8 against the Detroit Tigers at Fenway.

Boston left-hander Hideki Okajima may be the lone Japanese pitcher for the Red Sox in the two-game series. Pitcher Daisuke Matsuzaka may miss the series because his wife is expecting to deliver their second baby around that time.

"As the CEO of the team, I try to stay on top of details but the due date is

beyond my job description. I know he wants to play here and we want him to play here," Lucchino said.

Boston and Oakland will be the third set of teams to open the regular season at the Tokyo Dome, following the New York Mets and Chicago Cubs (2000), and the New York Yankees and Tampa Bay (2004). A scheduled 2003 series between Oakland and Seattle at the Tokyo Dome was canceled because of the threat of war in Iraq.

"We were disappointed when the series was canceled in 2003," Oakland manager Bob Geren said. "When we got the opportunity this time, it took us about two seconds to say we're happy to come."

UHS | BOYS' BASKETBALL

First losing skid for Ukiah

By ANTHONY DION

The Daily Journal

The Ukiah JV boys were in a difficult spot entering their biggest contest of the season to date. Down their two leading scorers in Jesse Williams (suspension) and Scott Ragan (flu) and facing the No. 1 team in the North Bay League (NBL).

In the end, that and Newman's superior job on the glass was simply too much to overcome as the Wildcats fell 67-43. Knowing the challenge that laid before his team, head coach Jeff Silva-Brown knew his squad had to play smart basketball to prevail.

"They're a good team so we need to minimize mistakes and turnovers," he said.

Ukiah (15-4, 6-2) fought gamely in the first half, never trailing by more than seven points. For the most part, though, the Cardinals' domination of the boards and the Wildcats' inability to heed their coach's advice overwhelmed them.

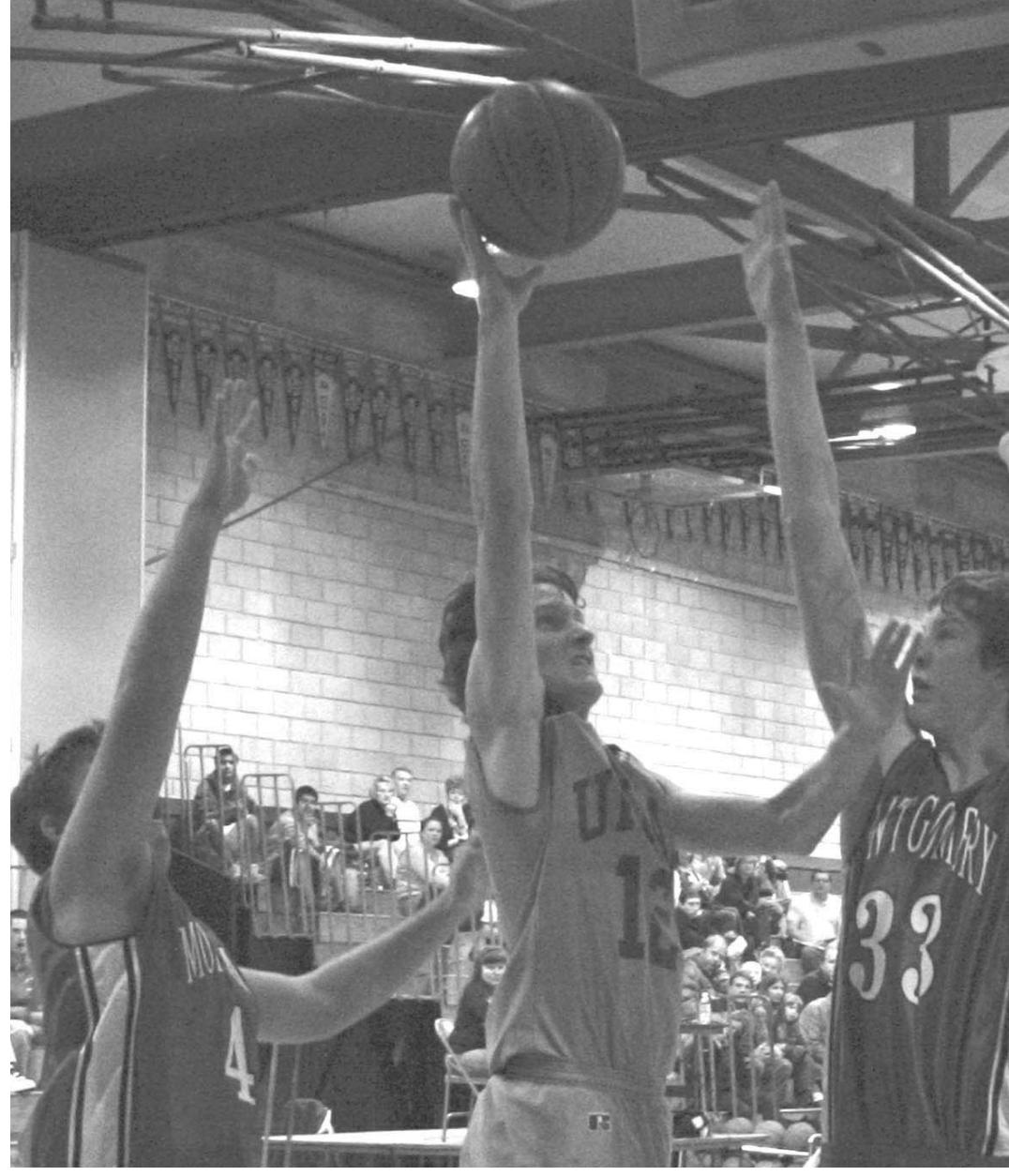
The Cardinals built a six-point lead going into halftime (32-26) and despite poor first half shooting, you could see a shift in their play midway through the second period as if a light had suddenly been switched on.

Meanwhile, Ukiah was able to keep it that close due in large part to the play of Chris Tow and Tyler Mendosa who had four three-pointers for the game.

Entering the third, the Cardinals kicked it into high gear, leaving the undermanned Wildcat team in their wake.

Catapulted by a 14-0 run in the middle of the quarter lead by No. 44 Rose, Cardinal Newman stretched their lead out to 19 points at 50-31 with less than 10 minutes remaining in the contest.

Rose finished with a game-high 20 points to lead



Wildcats' guard Tyler Mendosa releases a runner as he is surrounded by defenders in a game earlier this season. Mendosa led the Wildcats with 17 points.

photo by Sarah Baldik/the Daily Journal

Newman.

In that deciding quarter, Newman outscored the Wildcats 23-8. As the game rolled into the fourth, the Cardinals weren't so much clinging to a 21-point lead as relaxing behind it.

The fourth quarter essentially became an afterthought as the Cardinals, with the game clearly in hand, emptied their bench and still maintained their 20-plus-point advantage.

"We made a lot of mistakes against a very good team," said a frustrated coach Silva-Brown afterwards. "I didn't think we played our best ball and when you do that against a team of their caliber," he trailed, "well you see the result."

The Wildcats were led by Mendosa for the second

NFL | SUPER BOWL

Super Bowl hype kicks off

By BEN WALKER

AP National Writer

NEW YORK — Even by Super Bowl standards, this one has it all. Unbeaten team vs. unpredictable team. Most valuable player vs. least likely Manning. New York vs. Boston. Plus a supermodel, to boot.

And kicking off the hype, Tom Brady's bum foot.

Who needs Xs and Os, anyway? Bring on Gisele!

The week before the week before the big game has barely begun, and already the buzz is brewing over the New England Patriots and New York Giants. Off the field, especially.

Fine by the NFL. In a league that loves attention and promotes itself with a TV network that provides 24-hour coverage, this is more perfect than the Pats. Besides, isn't this exactly why they have the extra-week break before the game?

Been a while since Joe Namath lounged poolside with the blondes and promised a win, or Jim McMahon paraded down Bourbon Street. Neon Deion Sanders and Terrell Owens were rank amateurs, by comparison.

If Super Bowl XLII publicists needed any more eyeballs, they've found them in XL fashion.

Funny thing, the epicenter of the football world — for the moment, anyway — isn't a snowy practice field in Foxborough, or an indoor bubble at the Meadowlands or a giant dome in the Arizona desert.

Nope, it's a neatly appointed, brick town house on a quiet, quaint street tucked away in the old, historic section of Greenwich Village. That's where the NFL's All-American boy — the dimpled-chinned Brady — limped around with a walking boot on his right foot, spending time with girlfriend Gisele Bundchen.

The Patriots quarterback also showed up with a bouquet of flowers. Nice for her; nice for the New York Post headline writers, too.

"FLOWERY TOM A POSY PATSIE," the newspaper blared Tuesday.

OK, hardly the Ickey Shuffle or the Super Bowl Shuffle. But a glam start building toward America's No. 1 sporting event, a game on Feb. 3 in suburban Phoenix that's expected to attract 1 billion viewers all over the globe.

Then again, maybe it's all a ruse. The conspiracy theorists were out in full force Tuesday on WFAN, the all-sports radio station in New York, suggesting that the 18-0 Patriots put Brady in a soft cast merely to confuse the Giants. In fact, there are pictures aplenty on the Web, showing Brady squirming Bundchen from her West Village pad to an East Village hotspot minus the boot.

Brady isn't addressing whether anything is seriously amiss. The two-time Super Bowl MVP simply said he was "a little ticked up" and that, "I'd have to be on a stretcher to miss this one."

David Letterman, meanwhile, offered his own plan. The "Late Show" suggested the Giants might consider slipping last year's Super Bowl MVP, Peyton Manning, into the No. 10 jersey worn by his brother, Eli.

Eli may not have the cache of his older brother, but at least he did not make the same mistake that Brett Favre did, throwing an interception that cost the Green Bay Packers a chance to beat the Giants in overtime last week.

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Tennis

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Despite being in better physical condition this time around, she still could not go beyond the quarters for the fourth consecutive major.

Williams looked sluggish and her serve misfired against Jankovic, contributing to seven service breaks.

She had time to reflect on the singles loss when she combined with Venus in a 3-6, 6-4, 6-2 doubles quarterfinal loss to Chinese pair Yan Zi and Zheng Jie.

"I think that I went crazy, maybe, and I made a lot of mistakes. I didn't really play the game I wanted to play," Williams said, adding that she had some physical issues she didn't want to elaborate on. "I don't like to make excuses. We won't discuss those."

Williams did not seem to possess the same aggressiveness she used to overcome match points in early rounds last year and beat six seeded players en route to the 2007 title.

Instead, she was constantly angry with herself and even got a code violation for smashing her racket.

"My shots just weren't right," Williams said. "I didn't move the way I want to move, and I wasn't feeling 100 percent. But as an athlete, some days you have to win feeling 30 percent."

"I'm not going to sit here and make excuses — I lost because Jelena played better than me and I made too many errors — I think regardless, the match was on my racket, and I gave it away."

Jankovic has been hampered by a thigh problem since helping Serbia to the Hopman Cup final, where it lost to the Serena Williams United States.

She needed treatment during her first-round match here, when she had to save three match points, and again in the second set Tuesday.

"I'm like a wounded animal. I still keep going," she said, adding for emphasis that she had a point to prove following a fourth-round loss to Williams here last year.

Wildcats

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and the NBL title.

The two teams will rematch February 9th in Santa Rosa and revenge will certainly be in the forefront of the Wildcats' minds.

Before then, however, the Wildcats will need to refocus as they are now in their first losing streak of the season (two games) and with Montgomery on tap for Thursday.

Varsity Cats beat themselves, fall to Cardinals

In a game that seemed to represent their 2007-08 season, the Wildcats played hard against a Cardinal team that wasn't particularly better than

NHL | KINGS

Osgood posts 46th career shutout as Red Wings down Kings 3-0

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Chris Osgood made 27 saves in his third shutout of the season, and Detroit got goals from Tomas Holmstrom, Mikael Samuelsson and Johan Franzen to beat the Los Angeles Kings 3-0 on Tuesday night.

In a matchup of NHL's best and worst teams, the Red Wings improved to 36-10-4 for 76 points. It was the fourth shutout loss by the Kings, who have 40 points and have won only one of the last 18 meetings with Detroit.

Osgood, who will play in his fourth All-Star game on Sunday, shaved his league-leading goals-against average down to 1.87 with his 46th career shutout. The victory was his 356th, edging him past former Kings goaltender Rogie Vachon for 15th place all-time.

The Red Wings played without leading scorer Henrik Zetterberg, whose sore back also will keep him out of Wednesday night's game at Anaheim and next Sunday's All-Star Game in Atlanta. Defenseman Chris Chelios, who became the second-oldest player to appear in an NHL game on Jan. 8, was rested three days shy of his 46th birthday. He usually doesn't play on back-to-back nights, and wasn't about to miss Wednesday night's showdown with the defending

Stanley Cup champion Anaheim Ducks.

The Red Wings came in averaging a league-high 34.7 shots on net, 11 more per game than their opponents. They were outshot 7-0 by the Kings over the first six minutes, but scored on their second shot of the game to take the lead at 6:57 of the opening period.

Holmstrom, who turns 35 Wednesday, beat Jason LaBarbera to the glove side with a 15-foot wrist shot for his 19th goal after Pavel Datsyuk threw a cross-ice pass into the slot.

Matt Ellis, inserted into the lineup because of Zetterberg's injury, set up Detroit's second goal at 14:47 of the second period. He worked the puck away from Derek Armstrong at the Detroit blue line and fed it ahead to Samuelsson, who beat LaBarbera high to the glove side with a 25-foot wrist shot from the right circle for his eighth of the season.

Samuelsson, who missed Monday's practice because of flu-like symptoms, set up Franzen's ninth goal with 17:05 remaining. He took a shot that went wide of the net, but Franzen played the carom off the end boards and stuffed the puck inside the right post while LaBarbera and defenseman Brad Stuart were trying to smother it in the crease.

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He's sure to hear plenty. Over the years, the break between the league conference games and the Super Bowl has varied between one week and two weeks. The coaches and players usually want to get going; NFL handlers like the anticipation to percolate.

It's bound to happen, particularly with a built-in rivalry. Beantown vs. the Big Apple once again, this time on the gridiron instead of the diamond.

After that victory in the NFC championship game, the brothers talked on the phone. "He said I'm past the point where he can give me advice anymore," Eli said. "He wants it the other way now. I don't know if I agree with him, but it's great to hear it from him. I'll take all the advice I can get."

them and yet lost because of their own mistakes and poor shooting.

The first half displayed the two closely matched teams as they battled closely with neither taking more than a three-point lead.

The Wildcats held the advantage through the first quarter of play, clinging to a one-point lead as they began the second.

But, in the second quarter the Wildcats began to play sloppy, making poor decisions and sloppy passes leading to Cardinals' fast breaks and easy buckets.

At halftime, Newman was up 31-28 and looking to put the pressure on Ukiah even greater.

That's exactly what

Newman did in the second half as the game got more physical with their defense increasing their three-point halftime lead to ten.

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CYO Basketball Results 1/19 & 20

For The Daily Journal

Boys

4th Grade D-3

St. Francis 23, St. Mary's 17

Nathan Hale seven points

and Alex Soria five points

5th Grade D-3

St. Mary's 28, OLG 8

Blake Kessler 10 points

and Nate England six points

6th Grade D-2

St. Eugene 42, St. Mary's 34

David Mason had a game-

high 20 points to lead St.

Mary's while Jordan King and

Lane Enzler played super

defense.

7th Grade D-1

St. Sebastian 38, St. Mary's 37

St. Sebastian knocked

down a three-pointer with

seven seconds left. Jeff Piver

had a solid game leading St.

Mary's with 16 points

8th Grade D-2

St. Mary's 48, St.

Elizabeth's 27

11 of 12 players scored for

St. Mary's

Girls

4th Grade D-2

St. Mary's 26, St. Eugene 2

Peyton De Los Santos and

Brooke Wright led the way for

St. Mary's with six points

5th Grade D-1
St. Elizabeth's 15, St. Mary's 5

St. Mary's suffered their first loss of the season as they were shut down by St. Elizabeth's.

5th Grade D-2
St. Mary's 18, St. Peter's 15

Great team effort led by India Frey with 10 rebounds helped St. Mary's exact some revenge on St. Peter's after an earlier loss to the team

7th Grade D-1
St. Peter's 37, St. Mary's 34

Brandie Lyons posted a double-double to lead St. Mary's with 11 points and 14 rebounds

St. Mary's II 42, St.

Eugene's 14

Leading the way for St. Mary's in a dominant effort where every player scored were Mataya Eaquinto with 12 points and Taylor Enzler with 10. St. Mary's II remains undefeated at 6-0

8th Grade D-1

St. Mary's 52, St. Sebastian 31

Lisa Vargas had a game-high 17 points to lead St. Mary's and Kylie Wright

added 13 points and nine rebounds while Taylor Graham also added 13 points

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27	17	3	57	115	108
26	15	5	57	153	128
23	19	6	53	117	134
22	21	6	50	118	128

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
30	14	4	64	163	164
24	15	8	56	142	131
24	18	5	53	123	124
20	21	6	46	140	138
19	22	8	46	138	160

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19	24	5	43	137	157

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Parnell

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kept him until Stayner escaped in 1980.

When Parnell abducted a second boy in Ukiah that year, Stayner fled, taking 5-year-old Timmy White with him. He told police that he wanted to save the boy from suffering the same abuse.

Stayner's story was told in the television movie "I Know My First Name is Steven." He died in a motorcycle accident in 1989 at age 24.

Stayner's brother, Cary, is in San Quentin State Prison awaiting execution for killing four women in Yosemite National Park in 1999.

"Who knows how many lives Parnell destroyed," said Merced County District Attorney Larry Morse. "Steven Stayner, bless his soul, was robbed of his childhood. We know that Cary Stayner was profoundly and perversely affected by his kidnapping. Who knows what effect that had on his murderous rampage?"

Cary Stayner's parents testified at his trial that they felt they neglected him as a youth because they were preoccupied with searching for his younger brother.

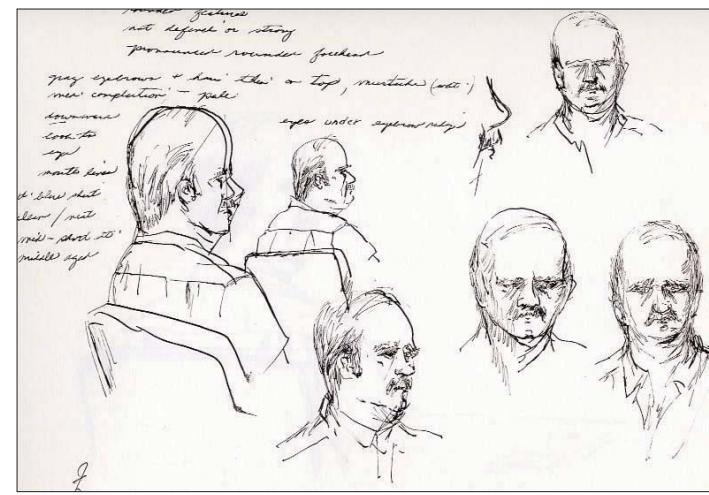
"Pretty much his reaction was he hadn't thought about him in years and he didn't care," said San Quentin prison Lt. Sam Robinson, who told Stayner of Parnell's death on Tuesday. "He was really nonchalant about it."

Stayner's parents, Delbert and Kay, did not return a telephone message left at their home.

"All I can say is, good, I'm glad he's dead," Merced County Sheriff Mark Pazin said.

Pazin was 9 and attending a school in the same neighborhood when Steven Stayner was kidnapped from a town that at the time had just more than 10,000 residents.

"It basically paralyzed that small community," Pazin recalled in a telephone interview. "I just remember my mom was absolutely beside herself. ... You could ride your



Drawing provided courtesy of Francine Bearden

Ukiah artist Francine Bearden made these sketches of child molester Kenneth Parnell during one of his court appearances following his 1980 arrest in Ukiah for the abduction of 5-year-old Timmy White, of Ukiah. White was rescued by fellow captive Steven Stayner, who Parnell had abducted in Merced in 1972. Parnell was paroled after serving about five years for the Stayner and White kidnappings, but later tried to obtain another child. In 2004, he was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison. Parnell died Monday of natural causes at the California Medical Facility in Vacaville. He was 76.

bike across town and never have a problem. That all came to a screeching halt after Steven was kidnapped."

Parnell was paroled after serving about five years in state prison for the Stayner and White kidnappings. In 2004, he was sentenced to 25 years to life after he attempted to obtain another child for what prosecutors described then as the "last hurrah" of an aging pedophile.

Prosecutors said he asked the sister of his former caretaker to deliver a 4-year-old boy to his Berkeley apartment in exchange for \$500. The woman went to police instead.

Parnell was arrested after he gave the woman \$100 in exchange for a birth certificate police provided for a fictitious boy.

"Kenneth Parnell's death brings to a close his long criminal history of victimizing young children," said Alameda County Deputy District Attorney Tim Wellman, who prosecuted Parnell in the 2004 case.

Department of Corrections spokeswoman Terry Thornton said Parnell had been ill for some time and died in a prison hospice. She said she did not know the nature of his illness.

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The Cause of Gum Disease

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Periodontitis begins with plaque. This invisible, sticky film forms on your teeth when starches and sugars in food interact with bacteria normally found in your mouth. Although you remove plaque every time you brush your teeth, it re-forms quickly, usually in less than 24 hours.

Plaque that stays on your teeth longer than two or three days can harden under your gumline into tartar (calculus), a white substance that makes plaque more difficult to remove and that acts as a reservoir for bacteria. Unfortunately, brushing and flossing can't eliminate tartar - only a professional cleaning can remove it.

The longer plaque and tartar remain on your teeth, the more damage they can do. Initially, they may simply

irritate and inflame the gingiva, the part of your gum around the base of your teeth. This is gingivitis, the mildest form of periodontal disease. But ongoing inflammation eventually causes pockets to develop between your gums and teeth that fill with plaque, tartar and bacteria. In time, the pockets become deeper and more bacteria accumulate, eventually advancing under your gum tissue. These deep infections cause a loss of tissue and bone. If too much bone is destroyed, you may lose one or more teeth.

Although the destructive cycle that starts with the accumulation of plaque is the most common cause of periodontal disease, a number of other factors can contribute to or aggravate the condition.

Photographer Peter Armstrong. Learn more about periodontal disease in future articles.

For questions or more info call 468-8080

Grants

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for use by future generations.

This year there are two grant programs available with individual grants of up to \$5,000.

The grants

Community Enrichment: reflecting the community's commitment to enhancing the lives of others

Community Enrichment grants fund projects that are undertaken for the benefit of the general public by nonprofit organizations that are based in Mendocino County, or those from outside the area that have projects with a specific benefit to Mendocino County residents. Preference is given to projects that have broad public and volunteer

support and have the potential to grow and benefit the community over time. The total amount of funding available is \$100,000. Individual grant awards range from \$500 to \$5,000. The deadline for submission of Community Enrichment proposals is noon on March 7.

A. D. Abramson Visual Arts Award for Art in Public Places

Grants from the A. D. Abramson Fund at the Community Foundation are awarded for the creation of art

Up to \$5,000 will be awarded. The deadline for submission of A. D. Abramson Art in Public Places proposals is noon on March 7.

Grant information and proposal writing brown-bag lunch workshops will be held: Feb. 4 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, 900 S. Oak St., Ukiah, and Feb. 11 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Caspar Community Center, 15051 Caspar Road, Caspar.

Guidelines and applications for all of the grant programs are on the Community Foundation Web site, www.communityfound.org. Questions about the application process may be directed to the Community Foundation at 468-9882 or megan@communityfound.org

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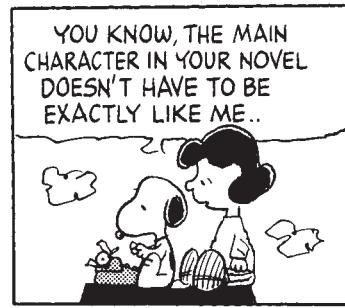
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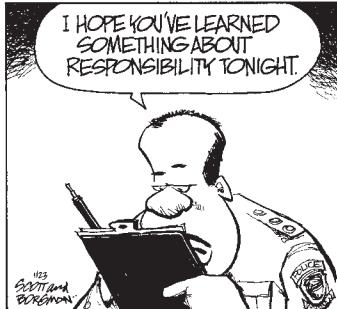
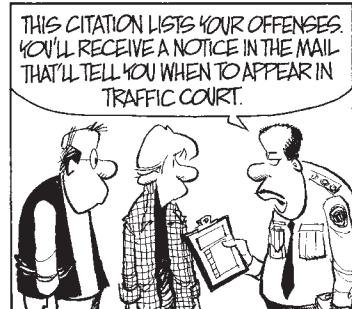
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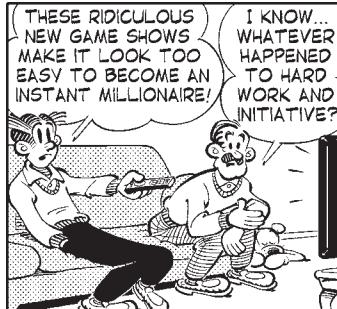
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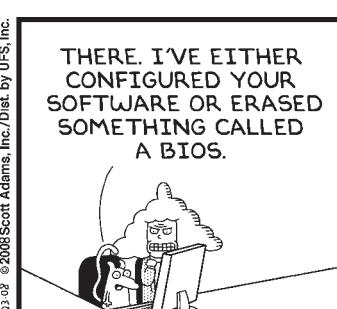
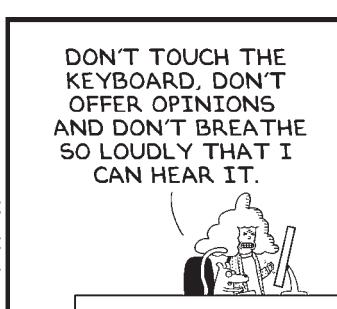
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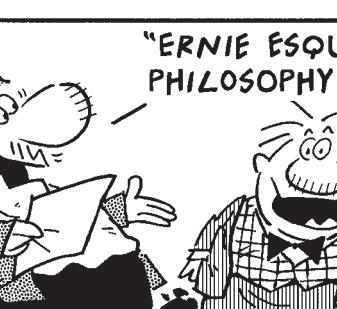
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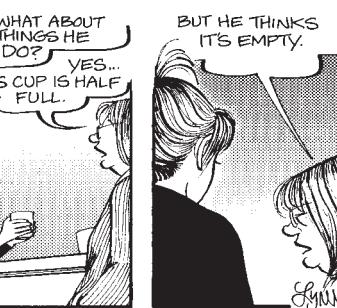
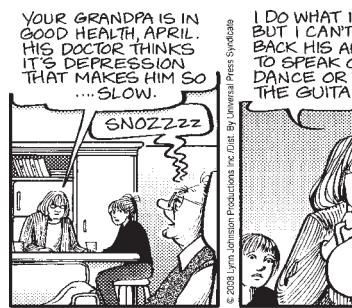
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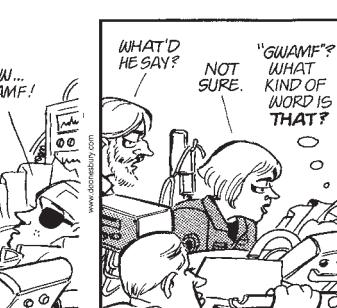
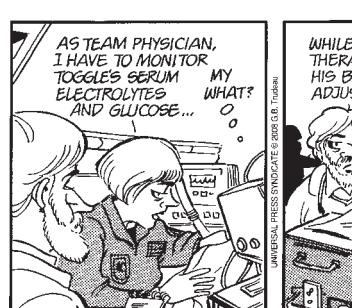
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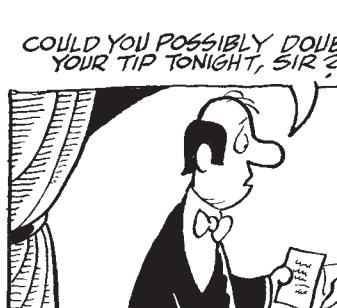
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Datebook: Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008

Today is the 23rd day of 2008 and the 33rd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1845, Congress designated that presidential elections would be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

In 1968, North Korean patrol boats captured

the USS Pueblo.

In 2005, Viktor Yushchenko was sworn in as president of the Ukraine, only four months after becoming seriously ill as a result of dioxin poisoning.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Edouard Manet (1832-1883), artist; Sergei Eisenstein (1898-

1948), film director; Ernie Kovacs (1919-1962), comedian; Chita Rivera (1933-), actress/dancer, is 75; Rutger Hauer (1944-), actor, is 64; Princess Caroline of Monaco (1957-), is 51; Mariska Hargitay (1964-), actress, is 44.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1944, the Detroit Red Wings set a record for the most one-sided hockey game by beating the New York Rangers 15-0.**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "Eighty percent of success is showing up." -- Woody Allen**TODAY'S FACT:** Chita Rivera was the first Hispanic woman to receive a Kennedy Center Honors Award. She has also received two Tony Awards for her work in musical theatre.**TODAY'S MOON:** Between full moon (Jan. 22) and last quarter (Jan. 30).

ASTROGRAPH

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your
Birthday

Thursday, Jan. 24, 2008

Owing to the many helpful relationships you develop with people who bring joy and contentment into your life, conditions will be changing for the better in the year ahead. It makes everything all right with the world.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-

Feb. 19) -- You have the ability to turn contrary situations into opportunities by extending your hand of friendship to the very ones who oppose what you represent. It pays to go the extra distance.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Although you normally prefer to have control of situations that affect you, you may be more inclined at this time to let others have the upper hand. You will enjoy playing the supportive role.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- If you get serious about things, you will not only finish everything on your desk but you'll make some important adjustments that will improve your efficiency as well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- People you encounter will respond exceptionally well to you because they will sense that you treasure their good points and aren't interested in their faults. They'll appreciate your fairness and kindness.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- You will recognize that several things in your personal life require a bit of work, and you are now prepared to do whatever it takes to improve upon them. You will no longer put things off.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Remember, actions are always appreciated and remembered longer than merely paying lip service to important issues. Once you recognize this, you'll handle things in a manner that will gain acceptance.

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22) -- You are smart enough to realize meeting force with force will only result in non-productive developments. To your credit, you will turn volatile matters around with wisdom, consideration and gentleness.

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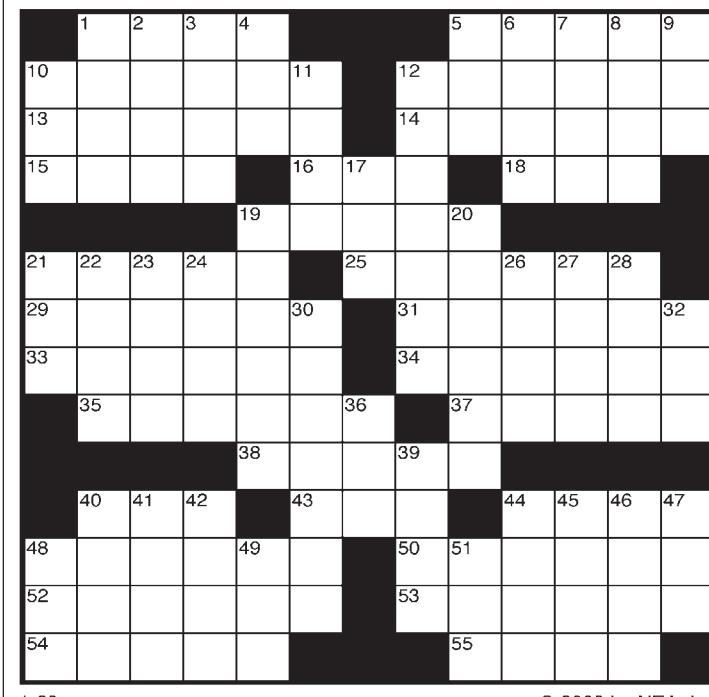
ACROSS

- 1 House part
- 5 Moisten with drippings
- 10 One under par
- 12 Loose robe
- 13 Put stress on
- 14 Herons
- 15 Receptions
- 16 Drag race participant
- 18 Started cries
- 19 IOUs
- 21 Hoisting machine
- 25 Water or oil
- 29 Showered with love
- 31 Less empty
- 33 Midnight rider
- 34 Rebel's foe
- 35 Carpentry job
- 37 Keeps on going
- 38 Memo (hyph.)
- 40 U.K. fliers
- 43 Talented
- 44 Spillane's — Hammer

DOWN

- 48 More risky
- 50 Dropped syllables
- 52 Raid
- 53 Brickworkers
- 54 Trattoria sauce
- 55 Young equine
- 1 Pilaf base
- 2 Porpoise relative
- 3 Byron's works
- 4 Fish organ
- 5 Hobby, slangily
- 6 Dated
- 7 Rabbit dish
- 8 Makes lace
- 9 Coast Guard off.
- 10 Dracula, at times
- 11 Inscribe indelibly
- 12 Guarantee
- 17 Catch cold
- 19 Pierre's sweetie
- 20 Rough weather
- 21 Hostilities
- 22 Unlucky time
- 23 Exploding star
- 24 Yacht squad
- 26 Longest arm
- 27 Varieties
- 28 Bug repellent
- 29 Hamlet's realm
- 30 Legal matter
- 31 Fence flaw
- 32 Particular
- 33 Ceremony
- 34 Doesn't hesitate
- 35 Edict
- 36 Japanese soup
- 37 Elvis, e.g.
- 38 Ohio college town
- 39 Newspaper execs
- 40 Skip stones
- 41 Author Umberto —
- 42 Shellac resin

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By Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar

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CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present.

Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: *W equals F*

A H T F T J L T R B T U O L O F F T J L
G V H H T O N . I J O R Z I P B N J O M O H
D I G G T F I J O R O B W P J F T B I J O T R
V G V K O N V F I J O ' R B P D U . " - T H T R
G P H N I D Z

PREVIOUS SOLUTION — "If the creator had a purpose in equipping us with a neck, he surely meant us to stick it out." -- Arthur Koestler

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

ZEFOR

TYSUL

GLIJEG

CAPUTE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



WHAT THE BOSS DID WHEN HE WENT TO BED FACING A BIG DECISION.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: " " ON

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ADAPT ELATE FROSTY GOPHER
Answer: Always a possessive indication — AN APOSTROPHE

THE LEARNING CHALLENGER

by Robert Barnett

DIRECTIONS:

A. Using each "Chaos Grid" number with its letter one time, arrange the numbers with their letters for the "Order Grid" so each vertical column, horizontal row, and two diagonals each ADD to numbers inside thick lined cells.

B. Some correct numbers with their letters have been put into the "Order Grid" to get you started. Also, above the "Order Grid" is a "Decoded Message" clue.

C. After you have solved the "Order Grid" doing as direction "A" says, put the letters from horizontal rows, from left to right, under "Decoded Message" and make words to form the answer.

CHAOS GRID

31	24	22	30
M		G	I
26	33	21	29
A	R	N	R

28	25	27	26
N	E	S	B
28	29	32	25
A	O	R	E

ORDER GRID

			109
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			109
109	109	109	109

DECODED MESSAGE:

ANSWERS IN NEXT EDITION

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Answers to Previous Learning Challenger

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43	8	7	37
C	H	A	M
-3	47	44	7
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1/22/2008

Man seeks diplomatic way to introduce his girlfriend

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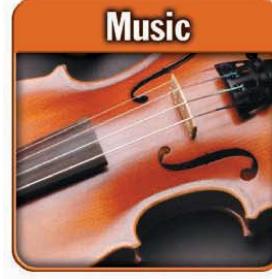
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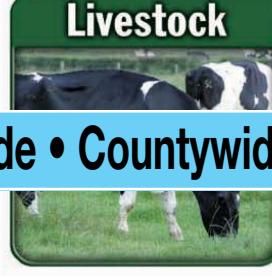
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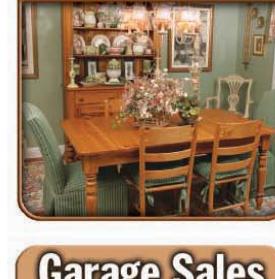
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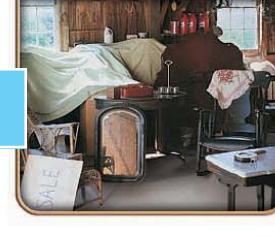
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
TS # CA-07-105892-DL Loan # 1004818736
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/30/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): BARBARA NELSON, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN Recorded: 9/10/2004 as Instrument No. 2004-20647 in book -, page - of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of MENDOCINO County, California; Date of Sale: 2/5/2008 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the main entrance to the Mendocino County Courthouse, 100 North State Street, Ukiah, CA. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$354,742.72 The purported property address is: 122 CRESTA DRIVE UKIAH, CA 95482 Assessors Parcel No. 003-540-07-00 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: 1/13/2008 Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 FOR NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-259-7850 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com Reinstatement Line: (619) 645-7711 ext 3704 David Owen, If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 963076 01/16/2008, 01/23/2008, 01/01/2008.

043-08

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Mendocino County Zoning Administrator, at its regular meeting on Thursday, February 14, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., to be held in Conference Room C, 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, California, will conduct a public hearing on the following project and the Draft Negative Declaration at the time listed or as soon thereafter as the item may be heard.

CASE#: U 14-2007

DATE FILED: 7/12/2007

OWNER: ROBERT GITLIN

APPLICANT: ANKA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

REQUEST: Use Permit for the conversion of a single family residence into a residential group care home for up to twelve (12) people.

LOCATION: In Redwood Valley, 2 +/- miles northwest of the town center, lying east of West Road (CR# 237), and just north of its intersection with Road K (CR# 237C), located at 10201 West Road; AP# 160-200-23.

PROJECT COORDINATOR: MARY LYNN HUNT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The Department of Planning and Building Services has prepared a Draft Negative Declaration for the above project (no significant environmental impacts are anticipated which cannot be adequately mitigated). A copy of the Draft Negative Declaration is available for public review at 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1440, Ukiah, California and at 790 South Franklin Street, Fort Bragg, California. The Staff Report and Notice are available on the Department of Planning and Building Services web site at www.co.mendocino.ca.us/ planning.

Your comments regarding the above project and/or the Draft Negative Declaration are invited. Written comments should be submitted to the Department of Planning and Building Services, at 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1440, Ukiah, California 95482, no later than February 13, 2008. Oral comments may be presented to the Zoning Administrator during the public hearing.

The Zoning Administrator's action regarding this item shall be final unless appealed to the Board of Supervisors. The last day to file an appeal is the 10th day after the Zoning Administrator's decision. To file an appeal of the Zoning Administrator's decision, a written statement must be filed with the Clerk of the Board with a filing fee prior to the expiration of the above noted appeal period. If you challenge the project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Department of Planning and Building Services or the Zoning Administrator at, or prior to, the public hearing. All persons are invited to appear and present testimony in this matter.

Additional information regarding the above noted item may be obtained by calling the Department of Planning and Building Services at 463-4281, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Should you desire notification of the Zoning Administrator's decision you may do so by requesting notification in writing and providing a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Department of Planning and Building Services.

Raymond Hall, Director of Planning and Building Services

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

CASE NO.: SCUK CVPB '08 25149

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **ALTA NEJUANA DAHLBERG**, also known as **ALTA N. DAHLBERG** and **ALTA DAHLBERG**

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: **MARY LITTLE** in the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **MARY LITTLE** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the *Independent Administration of Estates Act*. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action). The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on FEBRUARY 1, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. in Dept: E, located at: MENDOCINO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 100 N. State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a *Request for Special Notice* (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.

ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER:

Madelaine D. Sager

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P.O. Box N
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Trustee Sale No. 1070898JV Loan No.

80233851 Title Order No. E717268 APN 129-

020-06-00 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A

DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/11/2006. UN-

LESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT

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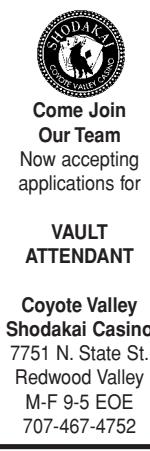
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MOON PHASES

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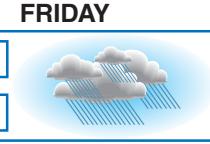
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24 hrs to 2 p.m. Tue. 0.15"
Month to date 7.03"
Normal month to date 5.53"
Season to date 16.66"
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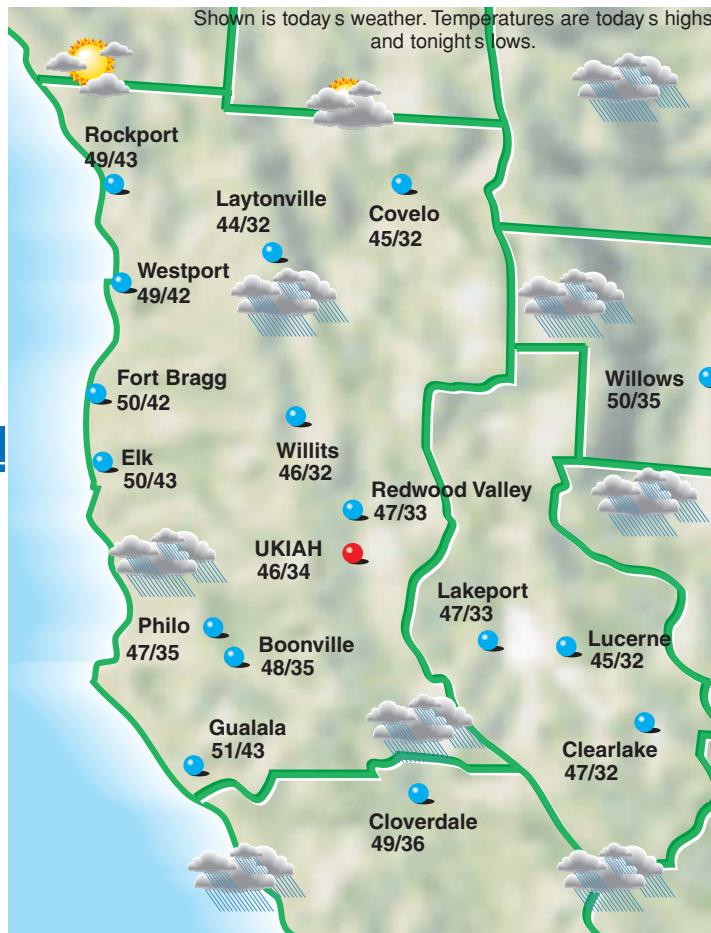
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City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Anaheim	64/47/r	61/44/sh	Napa	50/39/r	50/34/sh
Antioch	50/37/r	48/35/sh	Needles	63/43/pc	64/42/pc
Arroyo Grande	56/40/r	55/39/sh	Oakland	51/41/r	50/40/sh
Atascadero	52/36/r	51/39/sh	Ontario	57/45/r	54/42/sh
Auburn	48/34/r	45/34/sh	Orange	63/46/r	60/42/sh
Barstow	59/37/pc	56/37/c	Oxnard	60/46/r	58/43/sh
Big Sur	52/38/r	52/42/sh	Palm Springs	64/44/pc	61/42/c
Bishop	50/24/c	41/26/sh	Pasadena	60/43/r	56/45/sh
Blythe	64/39/pc	64/43/pc	Pomona	62/43/r	58/41/sh
Burbank	57/44/r	54/44/sh	Potter Valley	46/33/r	46/33/sh
California City	56/47/r	52/17/sh	Redding	50/32/pc	53/35/sh
Carpinteria	56/47/r	55/42/r	Riverside	60/42/r	53/39/sh
Catalina	58/47/r	54/42/sh	Sacramento	48/36/r	48/38/sh
Chico	50/36/r	49/36/sh	Salinas	52/38/r	54/39/sh
Crescent City	53/37/pc	46/36/sh	San Bernardino	62/43/r	57/40/sh
Death Valley	67/40/pc	65/36/sh	San Diego	63/51/pc	60/48/sh
Downey	63/46/r	59/45/sh	San Fernando	57/41/r	54/40/sh
Encinitas	61/47/pc	58/45/sh	San Francisco	52/42/r	50/42/sh
Escondido	63/44/pc	60/43/c	San Jose	53/40/r	54/40/sh
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Fort Bragg	50/42/r	49/36/sh	San Rafael	51/39/r	49/37/sh
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Lake Arrowhead	37/29/sn	39/29/sn	S. Lake Tahoe	34/19/sn	30/15/sn
Lodi	50/37/r	49/36/sh	Stockton	50/36/r	51/36/sh
Lompoc	57/39/r	56/36/sh	Tahoe Valley	34/19/sn	30/15/sn
Long Beach	61/46/r	58/45/sh	Torrance	62/46/r	59/46/sh
Los Angeles	61/48/r	58/46/sh	Vacaville	47/34/r	49/35/sh
Mammoth	33/19/sn	35/22/sn	Vallejo	50/41/r	51/36/sh
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Monrovia	61/43/r	57/44/sh	Willits	46/32/r	44/33/sh
Monterey	55/40/r	55/42/sh	Yosemite Valley	38/25/sn	38/27/sn
Morro Bay	55/41/r	55/42/sh	Yreka	42/21/pc	36/24/sh

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Lake Mendocino – Lake level: 726.59 feet; Storage: 51,036 acre-feet (Maximum storage 122,500 acre-feet) Inflow: 280 cfs Outflow: 99 cfs
Air quality – Ozone: .030 ppm (State standard .090 ppm) Carbon monoxide: .53 ppm (20.0 ppm) Nitrogen dioxide: .016 ppm (.25 ppm)

Snow

Continued from Page 1

Sanchez, it was just enough snow to get bundled up and have a little winter fun.

"Snow doesn't happen here very often, so we brought my nephew because he hadn't really seen snow before," explained Walker, while Sanchez was building a snowman nearby. "It's a nice change of pace. I like it better than the rain."

According to the National Weather Service in Eureka, most accumulations in Mendocino County occurred at elevations of 2,000 feet and higher, with the roads experiencing a brief covering. The most significant snowfall was at Iron Peak, north of Laytonville, where official accumulations totaled two inches.

As the week progresses, another system with cold temperatures and rainy conditions will move into the area, keeping the forecast the same for most of the week.

"The rest of the forecast looks similar," said meteorol-



A dusting of white tops the forest above the old Masonite site.

Photo courtesy of Peter Armstrong

Dropping wholesale gas prices not reflected at the pump

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Although wholesale gasoline prices have dropped sharply in the Los Angeles market recently, drivers aren't seeing that fully reflected at the pumps.

The wholesale gasoline price in Los Angeles hovered around \$2.17 a gallon Friday. Add taxes and other costs, and that would mean a retail price of about \$2.77 a gallon.

Yet service stations in the city were charging an average of \$3.22 a gallon for self-service regular Monday.

"The California economy has been penalized by high gas prices for months, and now, when the opportunity comes for a brief window of significantly lower prices, the workings of the market are being frustrated," said energy economist Philip K. Verleger Jr. "The people who own

refineries are doing everything they can to prevent (declining wholesale prices) from trickling down to the consumer."

Joseph Sparano, president of the industry trade group Western States Petroleum Assn., acknowledged that "there seems to be a pretty wide gap between wholesale and retail" gasoline prices.

But he said that retail prices have begun to come down and the market is working as it should.

With temperatures hovering around freezing during peak commute hours, drivers throughout the county have been experiencing some of Mother Nature's more tricky conditions. According to the NWS, rain mixed with hail near Myer's Flat was forcing

drivers off the road and sending cars spinning out of control.

Drivers throughout the county should be prepared for cold temperatures and slippery driving conditions while traveling throughout the mountains this week. Motorists can expect slower driving times and speeds in areas. Walker said Tuesday that the drive along Highway 253 wasn't too slick, but she wasn't taking any chances with safety.

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